

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Esch.

Claim 1 was amended to include the limitation of claim 2 which was canceled. Claim 1 is now allowable over the cited art. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 1 and therefore contain all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 3-5 are therefore also allowable over the cited art.

Claim 6 was amended to include the limitation of claim 7 which was canceled. Claim 6 is now allowable over the cited art. Claims 8-10 depend from claim 6 and therefore contain all the limitations of claim 6. Claims 8-10 are therefore also allowable over the cited art

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-18.

Applicant further appreciates the indication that claims 2-5 and 7-10, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, would be allowable.

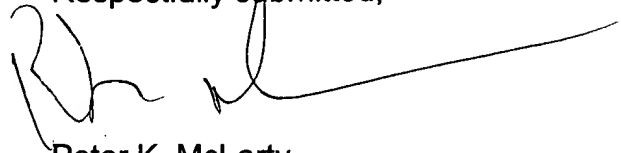
In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated,
Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K. McLarty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

None